

LIVE TOPICS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

WARNS THAT WOOL SHORTAGE IS REAL

Committee Urges Conservation, but Sees Sufficient Garments for Civilians.

Only by the greatest conservation of wool and the free use of cotton and wool substitutes can the machinery of the country's war cloth production be maintained at 60 per cent, can according to a statement given out yesterday after the meeting of the War Service Committee of the Wool Industry.

This balance of 60 per cent. is assumed, because the Government is using 49 per cent. or more of the wide looms of the country.

The stocks of wool will be dangerously low by April 1 next. No wool is coming from foreign sources, nor will they come for some time.

The committee says, however, that it is satisfied that cloth and clothing in the hands of wholesale manufacturers and stocks of clothing now in the hands of retailers provide any danger of lack of civilian clothing for many months.

Suit Buyers Come to Town.

The buyers of suits are in town in goodly numbers. They seem to have come back since their last visit as ambassadors of a prosperous and contented clientele, which has told them it is willing to pay the prices, even if they are a good deal higher than they used to be.

At any rate, the new arrivals are not so hesitant over prices as they were on their last preceding visit. Women are working all the time and making money they can't expect to have, in the report they buy back home; money is plentiful and the people want only the best kind of goods.

While they want the better things and there is practically no demand for the cheaper stock, there is little tendency to extravagance. A manufacturer says it looks as though the most satisfactory seasons not out for suits, but for millinery, of which buyers are purchasing generously, and of the latter

kind of goods.

Dress Trade Troup Unlikely.

While the differences as to wages and hours of work between the Dress and Wool Manufacturers' Association and the Ladies' Workmen and Dressmakers' Union have not yet been definitely settled, the outlook is that an adjustment will be reached in a short time.

The first series of conferences between sub-committees representing both sides has been held. It is said that the manufacturers are willing to grant to the union 30 per cent. increase in wages demanded by the union and to reduce working hours from forty-nine to forty-eight hours, although they are disposed to do what is fair in the matter of wages.

The manufacturers will insist that the union take more decisive action in stopping strikes, which cost employers tens of thousands of dollars every year. But neither side wants a tussle at this time, and it is unlikely that there will be one.

Buyers in the City.

Men's and Boys' Furnishings.

ALBANY.—The Tie Shop, F. Blume Hotel's furnishings; New Victoria

BIRMINGHAM—Eldison & Levy, M. Levy's manufacturers boys' clothing; Hotel Imperial.

BOSTON—M. Stein & Co., M. Stein

(manufacturers' clothing); Hotel Imperial.

BROOKLYN—Brown Merchandise Co., M. Waring (dry goods); Hotel Astor.

KANSAS CITY—Maxwell, McClure & Pitts' Hotel Royal.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—H. L. Levy

Hotel's garments; Hotel Royal.

CHICAGO—Shawneen, Weinhimers' coats, suits, etc.; Hotel Royal.

CLEVELAND—A. J. Graves & Sons, J. Graven (dry goods); Hotel Grand.

DETROIT—H. L. Willing & Co., H. L. Willing (dry goods); Hotel Royal.

DETROIT—F. C. Gatchell (furnishing goods); com-

pany manager care 224 Fourth av.

ST. LOUIS—Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co., J. S. Steedman (linens, white goods, draperies); Hotel Gallatin.

NEW YORK—J. A. Teare & Son, E. H. Teare (merchandise); Hotel West.

NORFOLK—Nordahl's Panta Co., M. Stern

Hotel York.

PHILADELPHIA—McAllister Mohr

Co., Mr. Stager (draperies, etc.); Hotel Imperial.

NEW YORK—J. H. Kammerer & Co., H. J. Kammerer (cotton, novelties, Oriental

goods, chin, etc.); Park Avenue Hotel.

NEW YORK—W. M. N. Norcross Crail Co., Mr. Wills (furniture); Hotel Plaza.

TROY—W. H. Frear & Co., R. E. Hodson (carpets, rugs, upholstery); Hotel

Holiday Inn.

ST. LOUIS—Rosenthal-Sloan Millinery

Furs, Inc. (hat); Hotel Plaza.

ST. LOUIS—Josephine, Mayne & Sons, S. Mohr

Hotel (dry goods); Great Northern

MILLERY.

CARROLLTON—W. H. Lewis, G. W. Galloway

Hotel (millinery); Hotel Plaza.

FOOT WORTH, TEX.—A. C. Meacham

Hotel (garments); Hotel Royal.

DETROIT—C. M. McAllister Mohr

Co., Mr. Stager (draperies, etc.); Hotel

Imperial.

BOSTON—Glickman & Newhoff, Mr. Glickman (manufacturers' women's garments); Hotel Imperial.

BIRMINGHAM—A. Whitney (ready to wear); Hotel Royal.

ST. LOUIS—Lindell Dry Goods Co., Miss Knott, 22 East 24th st.

BUTTER MONT—M. J. Connell Co., C. E. Clark, Mr. Tuttle (leather goods); Hotel Woodward.

CARLISLE, PA.—Carlisle Garment Co., S. Thompson (garments, women's and children's garments, manufacturers); Hotel Brainerd.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.—J. M. Kaufman, F. Lappin (clothes and suits); 16 East 32d st.

CHICAGO—Marshall Field & Co., G. W. Peoria (fancy goods); Hotel

Imperial.

DETROIT—The Celtic Co., Mr. Dent

(woman's ready to wear, etc.); Hotel

Imperial.

GLENVILLE, N. Y.—Meyers Arnold Co., Mrs. Meyers (ready to wear); 1173 Broadway.

JACKSON, GA.—A. Whitney (ready to wear); Grand Hotel.

KANSAS CITY—Miss May Beatty (ready to wear); Hotel Manhattan.

HAMMOND, IND.—C. M. Minas Co., Miss Nunnally (general merchandise); Hotel Bernstein (dresses).

INDIANAPOLIS—M. S. Foster (millinery); Milton Lichtenbaum & Co., 28 W. Market.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—M. S. Foster (millinery); Hotel Bernstein (dresses).

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—Sofie Bros. M.

Sofie (ready to wear); 1161 Broadway, Montgomery, ALA. Fashion Shop Mr. Thompson (ready to wear); Hotel Imperial.

MEMPHIS—M. Wittal (manufacturers' women's wear, etc.); Broadway Central Hotel.

MINNEAPOLIS—A. Cohen (ready to wear); Hotel Wallack.

NEW ORLEANS—M. S. Halsell (ready to wear); Hotel Wallack.

NEW YORK—John King, McLeod Co., Mr. Poole (ready to wear); Hotel Wallack.

PARIS, KY.—Simon (ready to wear); Hotel Imperial.

PHILADELPHIA—Stewart's, Miss Keong (jobs of cotton dresses); care of El M. Simon, 15 East 26th st.

PHILADELPHIA—Hausner, Miss Weiss (petticoats); Mr. Kamholz (dresses); Miss Lowenthal (jobs of El M. Simon, 15 East 26th st.).

PHILADELPHIA—G. Darlington & Co., Washington, 1179 Broadway, Hotel Martha.

PHILADELPHIA—Perkins & Cooper (manufacturers' cloaks, suits); 1270 Broadway, Hotel Gregorian.

PHILADELPHIA—Graham, Miss Weiss (dry goods, notions, hats, underwear, wear and sweater coats); Broadway Central Hotel.

PHILADELPHIA—T. Dives, Penney & Stewart (fancy goods); Hotel Simon, 15 East 26th st.

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